

# ALL ITALY IN ARMS AS DIE IS CAST FOR WAR; "NEUTRAL" PARTY ABANDONS PEACE HOPE

## Conflict Virtually Begun, With Accord of King, Government and Nation, Giornale d'Italia Declares—Giolitti Leaves Capital—Mobilization Work Rushed by Government.

### Interventionists in Full Control in Rome—75,000 Cheer Wildly for Opening of Hostilities—Martial Law Declared in Turin—Clashes in Southern Provinces. Parliament Session Thursday to Be Confined to Vote of Funds.

Italy has virtually begun mobilization. Entrance of the nation into the European conflict is now but a question of a few hours, unless something extraordinary should arise. Signor Giolitti and other neutralist leaders have left Rome, abandoning all hope of preventing hostilities. The war party is in full control, and the Giornale d'Italia, the organ of the interventionists, openly announces that war has already been virtually declared, with the unanimous accord of King, Government and nation.

The session of Parliament, opening on Thursday, is expected to be brief, being devoted merely to voting funds for war purposes and giving full power to the Government.

While there have been anti-war demonstrations in some of the provinces, the interventionists in Rome are in complete control. At a demonstration there last night 75,000 persons cheered wildly for war.

Martial law has been declared in Turin on account of anti-war riots.

The Italian Ambassador called at the State Department in Washington this afternoon and conferred with Secretary Bryan. It was reported that the United States had been asked to take charge of Italian affairs in case of war. Another report current was that the United States had offered its good offices to settle the differences between Italy and Austria.

ROME, May 18.

Italy today was in arms and ready to fight. The whole country was awaiting word from the Government offices when Premier Salandra sat in conference with the Ministry. That the ultimatum will be a declaration of war against Austria the public no longer doubts, but it was reported that the Government would delay taking any definite step until Parliament convened on Thursday.

The rumor that gained wide circulation today that the ministry was engaged in drafting an ultimatum to Austria. This ultimatum it was said would give Austria a few hours to yield to Italy's territorial demands or reject them and precipitate an immediate declaration of war.

The list of the Austrians and Germans to whom, except those detained by urgent business, left the capital for the Swiss and Austrian borders today. Their presence at the railway stations attracted curious crowds, but there was no repetition of the hostile demonstrations of a few days ago.

Mobilization has virtually begun, war being deemed certain. The offices of the Ministry of War and Marine were open all night, the clerks and minor officials being in relays on the preparations for war with Austria. Cots were placed in all departments early today. There will be no cessation in the labor until the Italian army is in the field and the navy at sea.

A strange calmness settled over the city today. It was apparent that all believed the die had been cast and that only the formal declaration of war was necessary.

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Apparently abandoning all hope of preventing war between the nation and its former allies—Austria and Germany—Giolitti left Rome early today, leaving a leader, the neutralists are expected to make no fight when Parliament convenes Thursday, and the session is expected to be short, being devoted to voting funds for war purposes and giving the government full power to act.

NEUTRALISTS IN HIDING.

Advocates of neutrality have gone into hiding because of hostile demonstrations made against them by pro-war forces. Deputy Panno left yesterday with his family, and Deputy Clemen departed today. Both are Giolitti's lieutenants.

It was learned today that the archives of the Austrian Embassy have been secretly removed in fear of mob attacks by the Baron von Macchio and the Embassy staff. Threats have been made to burn the embassy, which is now guarded both night and day.

Reports gained circulation here today that Prince von Buelow, the German Ambassador, was preparing to leave the city this afternoon, being convinced that Italy was about to break relations with Germany.

Clashes between interventionist and neutralist.

Latest reports put the number of men that Italy is prepared to put in the field at something over 2,000,000. It will be seen that these will add materially to the power of the Allied armies.

# BERLIN FORECASTS LULL IN SUBMARINE WAR PENDING REPLY

Complications Created by Lusitania Disaster Relegated to Second Place, as Germany's Attention Is Focused on Italian Crisis

BERLIN, May 18.

There is a possibility that Germany's reply to the United States note will not be made this week. The admittedly serious Italian situation has served to focus both official and popular attention in that quarter to such a degree that the American situation has become a matter of secondary consideration.

Pending the drafting of a reply, the opinion prevails here that there will be a lull in submarine activities, at least as far as larger ships are concerned, and that no action will be taken likely to complicate matters.

At the Foreign Office today it was stated that the matter is at the present time in the hands of Dr. von Bethmann.

## THE WEATHER TODAY

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and continued cold; Wednesday increasing cloudiness and unsettled; moderate winds, mostly northwest.

For details, see page 2.

Observations at Philadelphia 5 A. M.

Barometer	30.00
Temperature	52.00
Wind	Northwest, 22 miles
Sky	Clear
Visibility	12.00 miles
Humidity	75
Minimum temperature	43
Maximum temperature	58

On the Pacific Coast

San Francisco	Weather: cloudy; temp., 64
San Diego	Weather: cloudy; temp., 68

The Tides

PORT RICHMOND.

High water	4:52 p. m.
Low water tomorrow	12:04 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	5:15 a. m.

CHESTNUT STREET WHARF.

High water	4:40 p. m.
Low water tomorrow	11:55 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	5:05 a. m.

REDDY ISLAND.

Low water	8:41 p. m.
High water tomorrow	11:36 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	5:05 a. m.

BREAKWATER.

Low water	4:04 p. m.
High water tomorrow	11:36 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	5:20 a. m.

Almanac of the Day

1:11 p. m.	1:11 p. m.
1:22 p. m.	1:22 p. m.
1:33 p. m.	1:33 p. m.

Lamps to Be Lighted

1:30 p. m.	1:30 p. m.
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# LEGISLATURE ORDERS PROBE OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS IN STATE

Resolution Adopted by House and Senate Provides for Body With Powers Exceeding Those of Famous Catlin Commission.

Offered by Vane Representative and Sponsored by Senator Vane, Who Says Inquiry Is Especially Applicable to Philadelphia.

By a Staff Correspondent

HARRISBURG, May 18.—The Senate today finally adopted a resolution introduced in the House early this morning by Representative William H. Wilson, of Philadelphia, for the appointment of a joint commission of the House and Senate that will have more arbitrary power than any similar body in the history of the State.

The resolution ostensibly provides for

# ITALY'S MILITARY STRENGTH COMPARED WITH OTHER NATIONS'



ing, sweeping the foe before them. More than 1000 German troops voluntarily surrendered as the British advanced, reports General French, while the German rapid-fire guns moved down another battalion which was about to surrender. The British are now only two miles from La Bassee.

The French and Belgians have forced the Germans to withdraw from their last position on the west bank of the Yser Canal, and have themselves gained a foothold on the east bank at several places, which they maintained under heavy attacks. The French also report further progress of the drive which they are making beyond Arras, to the south of the British drive.

Simultaneously with the Teutonic attacks on Przemysl, the Austrians have shelled Opatow, in southwest Poland. Berlin reports fighting before Przemysl and Petrograd admits the foe is within cannon range of the stronghold. Austrian forces are within 40 miles of Lemberg in an advance on the Galician capital. Russians have checked a German flanking movement in the Baltic provinces, Petrograd declares.

# 'MARRYING MORMON' HAS ELKTON WEDDING MARKET CORNERED

Maryland's Gretna Green Marvels at Partnership Between Mr. Carr (Who Says He Isn't a Mormon) and a Hotel Owner.

Elkton, in Maryland, is seething with indignation. The Gretna Green of three States is in a fine frenzy. And here are some of the questions at issue:

Can a preacher reputed to be a Mormon elder stay in Elkton? (He's there now.)

Should a minister pay negro cabmen at his back door for landing the would-be married at his front door?

Is it right for the high-speed marriage line to be monopolized by one public service corporation?

It seems there was a certain Methodist preacher—to begin the tale in proper anecdotal style. His name was Howard T. Quigg, and he was pastor of the Elkton Methodist Church. When the time came to allot ministers to churches a few weeks ago Mr. Quigg was succeeded by the Rev. George P. Jones, chiefly because Elkton Methodists said that if any attempt was made to return Mr. Quigg they would testify to his activities in connection with the Elkton marriage mill. They said he used to leave a parishioner in the midst of a pastoral call to run after a couple who looked as if they wanted to be married.

# HANGS HIMSELF WHEN TAUNTED ABOUT NATIONALITY

Joseph Baum Unable to Bear Remarks of Fellow Workmen

Joseph Baum, 55 years old, hanged himself in the cellar of his home, at 1427 North Philip street, today, because he could not endure taunts of fellow-workmen about his nationality at a rag carpet mill near 18th street and Ridge avenue, where he was employed. His body was found swinging on a clothes-line from a rafter in the cellar this morning by his son-in-law, Anthony Wessinger.

Baum, according to the police, tried to kill himself about two years ago by inhaling gas, but was revived. He told his son-in-law last night that he did not go to work on Saturday or Monday because workmen at the rag mill called him a "butchering Dutchman." He has three children.

# BRITISH FORCE GERMANS BACK FOR TWO MILES ON LA BASSEE LINE IN DRIVE

## Kaiser's Troops Hurlled From Trenches Along Entire Front and Many Surrender—English Advance Still Progressing—French and Belgians Clear Yser Canal Bank.

Paris Reports Advance Beyond Arras Meets With Further Success—Austrians Launch Drive Into Southwest Poland, Shelling Opatow—Bitter Fighting Before Przemysl, Berlin Says; Foe Within Artillery Range, Petrograd Concedes—Slavs Win in Baltic Provinces.

Pressing their drive on La Bassee with renewed intensity, the British have captured all the German trenches south of Richebourg, and are still advancing.

# GERMANS CAPTURE 1700 SLAVS ON NIEMEN FRONT

BERLIN, May 18.—The capture of 1700 Russians by the Germans on the front of the Niemen River, in Poland, is announced in an official statement issued by the German War Office today.

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# QUICK NEWS

U. OF P. MEN WIN HONORS AT HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., May 18.—Frederick C. Dietz, a University of Pennsylvania graduate, has won the Bayard Cutting fellowship, paying \$1200 a year. This is the most important fellowship at Harvard. Charles H. Livingston, another Philadelphian, won a \$600 Thayer fellowship. Clarence Kennedy and A. H. Hutcheson, of the U. of P., received \$500 awards.

AUSTRIANS ROUNDED UP IN CANADA

WINNIPEG, Man., May 18.—Austrians attempting to cross into the United States were rounded up today when a special train carrying Canadian soldiers went to Emerson. All were placed aboard the special train and sent to the internment camp at Brandon. Constables are rounding up all stragglers between Winnipeg and the border.

RIGGS JUDGE SEES NO CONSPIRACY

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Without forecasting his decision on the major issues involved, Judge McCoy, presiding at the Riggs National Bank hearing, remarked today that he had heard nothing thus far to suggest a conspiracy between Secretary McAdoo and Comptroller Williams against the bank. The hearing adjourned early Wednesday, because Samuel Untermyer was slightly indisposed.

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M'NICHOIL BILL PASSED

Measure Gives City Greater Scope in Awarding Contracts.

State Senator McNichol's bill to "take the lid off" in awarding contracts in Philadelphia finally passed the House of Representatives in Harrisburg today by a vote of 191 to 6. The measure regulates the awarding of contracts and permits bidding for and awarding them at any price.

The McNichol bill removes a clause from the city charter which requires that bids shall not exceed the estimates made by the engineers in the Department of Public Works.

Cold Storage Bill Amended

HARRISBURG, May 18.—The House today amended the cold storage bill, which was revived yesterday after Governor Humbugh vetoed the bill to repeal the act of 1913, and amended it by raising the temperature to a higher degree.

The Kenningtonian Says:

Will some one kindly loan Mike Martin a straw hat?

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Saturday, diamond stickpin, containing 17 diamonds, on trolley car, between 5th and 6th streets, near 10th and 11th streets. Liberal reward. Harry Marx, 250 North 11th.

LOST—On Saturday, May 15, in Philadelphia, N. J., small gold watch, 254 feet, movement N. C. W. on each side. Return 408 Race street, West Philadelphia.

LOST—Saturday, May 15, while out alone (on trolley, named Bob, toward Station N. Y. Point, 1113 Locust st.

LOST—Silver cigarette case, containing 200. Return 228 S. 10th st., Ph. Locust 228.

Other Classified Ads on Pages 11 and 12.